In re application of

Stevens et al

Serial No.

10/099,690

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For:

Method & Apparatus for Thoracoscopic Intracardiac Procedures

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| TOTAL CLAIMS | 35 | minus | 20 | 0 | x \$18 | =\$ | 270.00 |
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Honorable Commissioner of Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

In connection with the Request for Continued Examination filed on this date, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

An amendment to the Specification is found on page 2.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this document.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this document.